

Childminder Report

Inspection date

25 June 2015

Previous inspection date

10 October 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder takes all necessary steps to keep children safe and protected. She keeps her safeguarding knowledge updated and knows who to contact if she has concerns about any child.
- Children form secure and trusting bonds with the childminder because she is kind and caring towards them. The childminder helps children to express and manage their emotions, so that they feel safe and happy in her care.
- Children follow sensible hygiene routines. They enjoy a range of nutritious meals and snacks, which promotes their very good health.
- Partnership working with parents is good. Parents are kept well informed about children's progress and have the information they need to support their children's learning at home.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not use all opportunities to build on the youngest children's language skills.
- The childminder does not make best use of information from her observations to plan very precisely for children's next steps in learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- provide further opportunities for the youngest children to build on their developing language skills, for example, by using a wider range of methods to support them, such as repetition, introducing new vocabulary and modelling language as children play
- use information from observations and assessments more accurately so that next steps are precisely identified to promote children's rapid progress through activities which challenge and interest them all.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection and made observations of the children present.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and the planning documentation.
- The inspector reviewed evidence of the childminder's suitability to work with children, her safeguarding policies and procedures and a range of other supporting documentation.
- The inspector took account of the views that parents provided in writing.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder.

Inspector

Ron Goldsmith

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

The childminder provides children with a range of age-appropriate learning experiences both in the home and outdoors. The childminder allows children to follow their interests and encourages spontaneous creativity, recognising that it is the process of exploration which best lends itself to children's learning. They use pens and pencils to draw and create images. On occasions, the childminder does not always make good use of all opportunities to build further on younger children's developing language skills. For example, she does not seize opportunities to repeat young children's early language sounds or to introduce new words. The childminder introduces simple maths by counting with children in everyday activities. She encourages children to learn about colour, shape and patterns when they are playing with bricks or using pens and paper. However, activities are not always consistently matched to children's precise needs. The childminder does not always use her observations of children's progress to clearly plan consistently challenging next steps so individual children can make rapid progress.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

The childminder's home is safe and welcoming. Children have positive relationships with the childminder. They enjoy her encouragement and support. Children have opportunities to be active and engage in physical play, both in and away from the home. Children enjoy healthy snacks and meals and have a good understanding of routines. They are developing self-help skills and independence. For example, they wash hands before snack and after using the toilet and they learn to change their own clothing. They enjoy helping to tidy away the toys and sitting around the table for meals. Children's behaviour is good and their positive attitudes towards each other prepare them well for nursery and school. The childminder ensures there are outings to local places of interest to widen their experiences and to develop their social and emotional skills.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The childminder has a secure understanding of her responsibilities and there is a range of policies and procedures to support children's health, safety and well-being. Children are safeguarded well. The childminder has a clear understanding of child protection and the procedures to follow if she has concerns about a child in her care. The childminder is committed to ongoing training to ensure she can continue to meet statutory obligations and develop skills which support her practice. The childminder works well with the pre-school setting that some of the children attend, exchanging relevant information with them from the outset of care. This further supports children in the next stage of their learning. The childminder has strong relationships with parents. They are encouraged to share information about their children to ensure continuity of care.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 14
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	10 October 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1981. She lives in Werrington, Staffordshire. The childminder operates Monday to Friday, all year round between the hours of 8am and 6pm, except for family holidays.

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